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AND OIL COMMITTEES, MAY 11, 1973

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1. SUMMARY: NATURAL GAS GROUP ACCEPTED DRAFT MANDATE (REF. A.)
AND TENTATIVE SYNOPSIS OF REPORT (REF. B.), WITH MINOR CHANGES,
AS BASIS FOR PROCEEDING WITH CONTRIBUTION TO OECD LONG- TERM
ENERGY STUDY. SECRETARIAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT
QUESTIONNAIRE FOR CIRCULATION TO MEMBER COUNTRIES BY END MAY.
TASK OF INCORPORATING REPLIES INTO DRAFT SECTIONS OF REPORT
DIVIDED AMONG MEMBERS OF GROUP, SECRETARIAT.

ACTION REQUESTED: PROMPT REPLY TO REQUEST OF GROUP THAT
US AGREE TO DRAFT SECTION OF EREPORT ON SYNTHETIC NATURAL
GAS PROSPECTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. GROUP ELECTED SHAW (CANADA) AS CHAIRMAN AND MILLICH (EC COMMISSION) AS RAPPOREUR. IT INVITED REPRESENTATIVE OF COMETEC- GAS (INDUSTRY RESEARCH ORGAN) TO ATTEND MEETING AND CONTRIBUTE TO REPORT.

3. MAJOR POINTS RAISED DURING DISCUSSION OF DRAFT MANDATE AND TENTATIVE SYNOPSIS OF REPORT RELATED TO 1) RANKING OF PRIORITY SECTORS OF CONSUMPTION OF NATURAL GAS AND 2) TREATMENT OF PRICE. GROUP THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO LIST PROS AND CONS FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF NATURAL GAS USE, BUT THAT IT WAS TOO EARLY TO DECIDE WHETHER RANKING OF PRIORITY SECTORS WOULD BE FEASIBLE. DISCUSSION OF PRICE BROUGHT OUT NEED FOR UNIFORM ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR OVERALL OECD REPORT - WHICH HIGH- LEVEL CONSULTANT AND SECRETARIAT CENTRAL TEAM ARE EXPECTED TO PRODUCE - BEFORE SIGNIFICANT POLICY- ORIENTED ANALYSIS CAN BE UNDERTAKEN.

4. GROUP DECIDED TO BEGIN WORK ON PARTS ONE, TWO AND THREE OF REF. B, LEAVING ASIDE CONSIDERATION OF REMAINING PARTS UNTIL NEXT MEETING. SECRETARIAT WAS INSTRUCTED TO DRAFT QUESTIONNAIRE IN CONJUNCTION WITH BUREAU AND TO CIRCULATE IT TO MEMBERS BY END MAY. REPLIES WILL BE DUE BY END JULY. DRAFT SECTIONS OF REPORT ON BASIS OF REPLIES WILL BE DUE BY MID- OCTOBER. GROUP PLANS TO HOLD NEXT MEETING TOWARDS END OF NOVEMBER.

5. TASK OF PRODUCING DRAFTS APPORTIONED AS FOLLOWS:
PART ONE OF REF. B - SECRETARIAT, USING ALREADY AVAILABLE STATISTICS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. PART TWO, SECTIONS A THROUGH E - RAPPOREUR. SECTION F (SYNTHETIC NATURAL GAS PROSPECTS) - GROUP REQUESTED US TO UNDERTAKE DRAFT. US DELEGATE (ROSEN) SAID HE COULD NOT MAKE COMMITMENT ON BEHALF OF HARD- PRESSED WASHINGTON AGENCIES BUT WOULD RELAY REQUEST AND INFORM SECRETARIAT PROMPTLY OF REPLY. SECTION G - RAPPOREUR AND COMETEC REPRESENTATIVE. SECTION H - RAPPOREUR. PART THREE - COMETEC REPRESENTATIVE.

6. COMMENT: US HAS AGREED TO DRAFT PORTION OF COAL GROUP REPORT WHICH INCLUDES COAL GASIFICATION. (SEE OECD 13017). GAS GROUP' S QUESTIONNAIRE ON SYNTHETIC NATURAL GAS WILL FOLLOW MODEL DEVELOPED BY COAL GROUP, WHICH WOULD FACILITATE DRAFTING
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IF DECISION IS MADE TO AGREE TO REQUEST FOR US ASSISTANCE IN PRODUCING THIS SECTION OF GAS REPORT.
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